(c) In the 1995-96 budget, a subsidy of Rs. 1650 crores has been proposed for imports of fertilizers. During 1994-95, the subsidy borne by the Government on import of fertilizers on Government account was Rs. 1166.02 crores.

(d) and (e) The Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea, which is the only fertilizer under statutory price control, has been fixed at Rs. 3320 per tonne excluding local taxes. The MRP of urea, which is uniform throughout the country, was last revised on 10.6.94 from Rs. 2760 per tonne. The State Governments are required to ensure tha urea is sold at the MRP fixed by the Government. The prices of other fertilizers, which are decontrolled, are determined by market forces and may vary from State to State. In order to cushion the impact of increase in prices following decontrol and to establish an equilibrium between imported and indigenous decontrolled fertilizers, the Government has provided a special subsidy scheme on sale of these fertilizers.

Complaints regarding inclusion/exclusion of drug under DPCO

4922. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representation|complaints about wrong inclusion or exclusion of drugs, under DPCO; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to re-include or re-exclude these drugs under current price control order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Government have received representations about inclusion|exclusion of 16 bulk drugs under Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1995. These will be dealt with under the relevant provisions of the "Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986".

Expansion of IFFCO

4923. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the proposal to expand the capacity of the Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative ammonia-urea plant at Phulpur; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the expansion plan and the foreign exchange component?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of this expansion project is Rs. 993.60 crores including a foreign exchange component of Rs. 342.54 crores.

उर्वरक संयंत्रों के बन्द होने संबंधी समाचार

4924. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 19 अप्रैल, 1995 के "दि बिजनैस स्टैण्डर्ड" नामक दैनिक समाचार में "फर्टिलाइजर प्लाण्टस इन नार्थ फेस क्लोजर ओवर कोल स्केर्यासिटी" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;